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Title: DISTILLATION DEVICE

Group Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: V Manoharan

Hon. Commissioner of  
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ATT: Examiner Manoharan

**REQUEST TO RESTART PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Dear Examiner Manoharan:

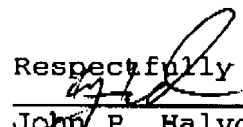
Please restart the period for response for the above case for SEVEN (7) Days. A quayle action was mailed on 8/29/00 which apparently went to the offices of Millen, White, Zelano, (see stamped receipt from that firm in the upper left corner of the first page on the enclosed copy of the office action). That firm forwarded the action to me and I received it a short time later. From my notations on that page, I believe this was on or about 9/6/00.

On that basis would you please restart the period for response seven days from 8/29/00 to 9/6/00.

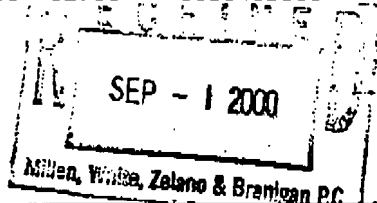
I had telephone yesterday with a response to the Quayle action and I would again say to cancel the claims that you propose cancelling in that action.

See attached, copy of the Quayle action of 8/29/00.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

*By [signature] 11/29*

**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

08/840,203

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Examiner

VIRGINIA MANOHARAN

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jun 22, 2000☐ This action is **FINAL**.☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire TWO month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

**Disposition of Claims**☒ Claim(s) 13-22, 25, and 26 is/are pending in the application.Of the above, claim(s) 13-22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.☒ Claim(s) 25 and 26 is/are allowed.☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.**Application Papers**☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been☐ received.☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).**Attachment(s)**☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Cancellation of 13-22. No authorization was given to cancel these claims. Claims 1-2, now claims 25-26(allowed), were the only claims filed with the request for CPA under 1.53 (d).

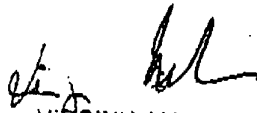
Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Virginia Manoharan at telephone number (703) 308-3844.

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August 29, 2000

  
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